Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2014

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 10th to 16th 2014, there were 572,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 400 from July 2014 but 7,500 more than the number employed in August 2013.

Agricultural employment was 49,600 persons in August 2014, up 2,800 from the July 2014 level and 4,700 more than the August 2013 agricultural employment level of 44,900. Non-agricultural employment was 522,800 persons in August 2014. This is a decrease of 3,200 from the July 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 526,000 but 2,800 more than August 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2014 was 5.2 percent. This is an increase of 1.6 percentage points from the July 2014 rate of 3.6 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the August 2013 level of 5.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 10,200 to 604,100 persons in August 2014 from 593,900 persons in July 2014. This is 9,300 more than the August 2013 labour force of 594,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.1 percentage points to 71.5 percent in August 2014 from 70.4 percent in July 2014. The August 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.8 percent.

There were 31,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2014. This is an increase of 10,600 from July 2014 and is 1,800 more than the number unemployed in August 2013.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 566,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2014, up 200 from the July 2014 level of 566,500 and is up 8,100 from the August 2013 employment level of 558,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2014 was 4.2 percent. This is an increase of 1.0 percentage points from the July 2014 rate of 3.2 percent but the same as the August 2013 rate of 4.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 58,500 persons in August 2014 to 18,098,900 persons from 18,157,400 persons in July 2014. In August 2013, there were 18,027,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in August 2014 to 7.5 percent from the July 2014 level of 7.3 percent. In August 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in August 2014. This is the same as July 2014 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the August 2013 level of 7.1 percent.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,560.3	19,579.1	19,516.9	-18.8	43.4
Employed ('000)	18,098.9	18,157.4	18,027.6	-58.5	71.3
Full-Time ('000)	15,009.4	15,020.4	15,009.7	-11.0	-0.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,089.5	3,137.0	3,017.9	-47.5	71.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,461.4	1,421.7	1,489.3	39.7	-27.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.3	7.6	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.1	0.0	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.4	67.9	-0.2	-0.7
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	604.1	593.9	594.8	10.2	9.3
Employed ('000)	572.4	572.8	564.9	-0.4	7.5
Full-Time ('000)	489.4	488.8	477.8	0.6	11.6
Part-Time ('000)	82.9	84.0	87.1	-1.1	-4.2
Unemployed ('000)	31.7	21.1	29.9	10.6	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	3.6	5.0	1.6	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	3.2	4.2	1.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	70.4	71.8	1.1	-0.3
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,426.0	2,429.8	2,387.1	-3.8	38.9
Employed ('000)	2,288.7	2,311.6	2,256.4	-22.9	32.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,943.3	1,963.7	1,929.8	-20.4	13.5
Part-Time ('000)	345.4	347.9	326.6	-2.5	18.8
Unemployed ('000)	137.3	118.2	130.8	19.1	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	4.9	5.5	0.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.7	4.8	0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.6	73.9	74.9	-0.3	-1.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	683.0	678.4	680.0	4.6	3.0
Employed ('000)	637.2	638.4	636.7	-1.2	0.5
Full-Time ('000)	528.1	525.9	529.1	2.2	-1.0
Part-Time ('000)	109.1	112.5	107.6	-3.4	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	45.8	40.0	43.4	5.8	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	5.9	6.4	0.8	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.3	5.3	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.7	69.8	0.4	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	604.1	593.9	594.8	10.2	9.3
Male	330.2	326.3	326.1	3.9	4.1
Female	273.9	267.6	268.7	6.3	5.2
15-24 Years of Age	102.6	101.2	105.7	1.4	-3.1
25+ Years of age	501.5	492.7	489.2	8.8	12.3
EMPLOYED ('000)	572.4	572.8	564.9	-0.4	7.5
Male	316.5	316.2	314.1	0.3	2.4
Female	255.8	256.6	250.8	-0.8	5.0
15-24 Years of Age	94.0	94.8	99.0	-0.8	-5.0
25+ Years of age	478.4	478.0	465.9	0.4	12.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	31.7	21.1	29.9	10.6	1.8
Male	13.6	10.2	12.1	3.4	1.5
Female	18.1	10.9	17.9	7.2	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.6	6.4	6.7	2.2	1.9
25+ Years of age	23.1	14.7	23.3	8.4	-0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.2	3.6	5.0	1.6	0.2
Male	4.1	3.1	3.7	1.0	0.4
Female	6.6	4.1	6.7	2.5	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	8.4	6.3	6.3	2.1	2.1
25+ Years of age	4.6	3.0	4.8	1.6	-0.2
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.5	70.4	71.8	1.1	-0.3
Male	78.1	77.3	79.0	0.8	-0.9
Female	64.9	63.5	64.6	1.4	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	75.2	74.1	77.3	1.1	-2.1
25+ Years of age	70.8	69.7	70.7	1.1	0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	49.6	46.8	44.9	2.8	4.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.0	27.7	25.4	-0.7	1.6
Utilities	6.2	6.8	5.9	-0.6	0.3
Construction	56.0	58.1	51.6	-2.1	4.4
Manufacturing	29.7	29.2	30.7	0.5	-1.0
Trade	84.9	85.4	83.1	-0.5	1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	25.6	26.0	27.3	-0.4	-1.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.4	30.3	30.1	1.1	1.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.2	29.1	28.3	-0.9	-0.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.4	14.2	16.3	-1.8	-3.9
Educational Services	35.7	37.1	31.8	-1.4	3.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	70.7	69.5	75.9	1.2	-5.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.5	21.2	22.7	-0.7	-2.2
Accommodation and Food Services	34.1	33.8	33.3	0.3	0.8
Other Services	23.7	23.7	25.4	0.0	-1.7
Public Administration	36.4	33.9	32.4	2.5	4.0
Total	572.4	572.8	564.9	-0.4	7.5
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	489.4	488.8	477.8	0.6	11.6
Part-Time	82.9	84.0	87.1	-1.1	-4.2
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	459.8	461.2	457.5	-1.4	2.3
Public Sector	139.3	136.9	131.2	2.4	8.1
Private Sector	320.4	324.4	326.3	-4.0	-5.9
Self-Employed	112.6	111.6	107.4	1.0	5.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,098.9	18,157.4	18,027.6	-58.5	71.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	233.7	240.7	242.8	-7.0	-9.1
Prince Edward Island	79.9	79.2	79.6	0.7	0.3
Nova Scotia	458.7	457.5	468.1	1.2	-9.4
New Brunswick	366.5	361.8	363.4	4.7	3.1
Quebec	4,089.0	4,118.3	4,069.9	-29.3	19.1
Ontario	7,020.0	7,023.7	7,004.4	-3.7	15.6
Manitoba	637.2	638.4	636.7	-1.2	0.5
Saskatchewan	572.4	572.8	564.9	-0.4	7.5
Alberta	2,288.7	2,311.6	2,256.4	-22.9	32.3
British Columbia	2,352.9	2,353.5	2,341.4	-0.6	11.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.5	7.3	7.6	0.2	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	10.9	10.1	1.8	2.6
Prince Edward Island	7.7	7.8	8.4	-0.1	-0.7
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.1	8.8	-0.1	0.2
New Brunswick	8.7	9.6	10.6	-0.9	-1.9
Quebec	7.7	7.7	8.1	0.0	-0.4
Ontario	8.1	8.1	8.2	0.0	-0.1
Manitoba	6.7	5.9	6.4	0.8	0.3
Saskatchewan	5.2	3.6	5.0	1.6	0.2
Alberta	5.7	4.9	5.5	0.8	0.2
British Columbia	6.5	6.2	7.0	0.3	-0.5

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,851.4	17,862.4	17,770.1	-11.0	81.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.1	226.2	232.0	-2.1	-7.9
Prince Edward Island	74.5	74.3	74.0	0.2	0.5
Nova Scotia	447.0	443.1	456.0	3.9	-9.0
New Brunswick	353.0	349.4	349.7	3.6	3.3
Quebec	4,024.5	4,020.4	4,004.3	4.1	20.2
Ontario	6,932.4	6,940.3	6,918.4	-7.9	14.0
Manitoba	632.6	633.8	631.2	-1.2	1.4
Saskatchewan	566.7	566.5	558.6	0.2	8.1
Alberta	2,269.2	2,282.6	2,231.4	-13.4	37.8
British Columbia	2,327.6	2,325.8	2,314.4	1.8	13.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	7.0	7.1	0.0	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	12.4	10.7	1.1	2.8
Prince Edward Island	10.0	9.4	10.6	0.6	-0.6
Nova Scotia	8.8	9.4	8.8	-0.6	0.0
New Brunswick	8.7	10.0	10.7	-1.3	-2.0
Quebec	7.7	8.1	7.9	-0.4	-0.2
Ontario	7.4	7.5	7.5	-0.1	-0.1
Manitoba	5.5	5.3	5.3	0.2	0.2
Saskatchewan	4.2	3.2	4.2	1.0	0.0
Alberta	4.9	4.7	4.8	0.2	0.1
British Columbia	6.1	5.9	6.6	0.2	-0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.4	6.3	6.1	0.1	0.3
Halifax	6.1	6.0	6.4	0.1	-0.3
Saint John	7.7	7.8	10.9	-0.1	-3.2
Quebec	5.6	5.6	4.8	0.0	0.8
Montreal	8.6	8.5	8.3	0.1	0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.2	6.7	7.1	0.5	0.1
Greater Sudbury	6.4	6.8	7.0	-0.4	-0.6
Toronto	9.1	8.9	8.6	0.2	0.5
Winnipeg	6.5	5.9	6.2	0.6	0.3
Regina	3.6	3.4	3.5	0.2	0.1
Saskatoon	4.5	3.4	4.8	1.1	-0.3
Calgary	5.7	5.4	5.2	0.3	0.5
Edmonton	5.7	5.5	5.4	0.2	0.3
Vancouver	5.9	5.8	7.0	0.1	-1.1
Victoria	5.6	5.2	5.5	0.4	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	179.9	179.1	180.6	0.8	-0.7
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.5	53.3	52.5	0.2	1.0
Saskatoon-Biggar	201.7	202.7	195.5	-1.0	6.2
Yorkton-Melville	38.5	38.8	37.9	-0.3	0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	100.4	100.5	99.2	-0.1	1.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	598.2	595.3	591.3	2.9	6.9
Employed ('000)	573.9	574.5	565.9	-0.6	8.0
Unemployed ('000)	24.2	20.8	25.4	3.4	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.5	4.3	0.6	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	70.7	71.5	0.2	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.2	68.4	-0.2	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	549.7	546.9	540.8	2.8	8.9
Employed ('000)	530.9	531.3	521.2	-0.4	9.7
Unemployed ('000)	18.8	15.6	19.6	3.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	2.9	3.6	0.5	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	71.2	71.7	0.2	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	69.0	69.1	69.1	-0.1	-0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	48.5	48.4	50.5	0.1	-2.0
Employed ('000)	43.1	43.2	44.7	-0.1	-1.6
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.2	5.8	0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	10.7	11.5	0.4	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.6	69.6	0.0	-4.0
Employment Rate (%)	58.3	58.6	61.6	-0.3	-3.3
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Labour Force ('000)	18.8	18.6	19.9	0.2	-1.1
Employed ('000)	15.6	15.7	16.2	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	2.9	3.7	0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.9	15.6	18.5	1.3	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	57.7	57.4	62.3	0.3	-4.6
Employment Rate (%)	48.0	48.5	50.8	-0.5	-2.8
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	29.3	29.4	30.6	-0.1	-1.3
Employed ('000)	27.3	27.2	28.5	0.1	-1.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.2	2.1	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.5	7.0	-0.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	71.8	75.4	-0.2	-3.8
Employment Rate (%)	66.5	66.4	70.2	0.1	-3.7

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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